

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

Application of PRTCommunications, LLC for
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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December 11, 2009

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
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South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
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Re: Application of PRTCommunications, LLC for Designation
as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
Docket No. 2008-300-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing on behalf of PRTCommunications, LLC to request that the hearing in the above-referenced matter, which is currently scheduled for January 7, 2010 be continued for a period of approximately six (6) months.

The primary reason for this request is the continuing uncertainty regarding the amount of federal high-cost universal service funding that may be available to PRTCommunications in the event its application is approved by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") in this proceeding.

On May 1, 2008, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released an order adopting an interim cap on the amount of universal service high-cost support that competitive eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") may receive.¹ The order, which became effective on August 1, 2008, capped the support for competitive ETCs in each state at the level of support that competitive ETCs in that state were eligible to receive during March 2008. On December 10, 2008, the FCC released a Public Notice, DA 08-2684, directing competitive ETCs to review the high-cost support amounts available on the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, and to either confirm the amounts or file any corrections to those amounts on or before December 31, 2008. The FCC has received numerous corrections and waiver petitions throughout the country that would impact the capped amounts for various states, including South

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¹ *High-Cost Universal Service Support; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, 23 FCC Rcd 8834 (2008) (Interim Cap Order).*
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Carolina. However, the final capped amounts on a state-by-state basis have not yet been determined.

The amount of federal high-cost support for which PRTCommunications would be eligible as a competitive ETC operating in South Carolina is a critical piece of information that PRTCommunications needs in order to proceed with its application. For this reason, we respectfully request that the Commission continue the hearing in this matter for a period of approximately six (6) months. We have discussed this request with the Office of Regulatory Staff, the only other party to this proceeding, and they have no objection to the request for a continuance.

If you have any questions or there is anything further we can provide, please let me know. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Margaret M. Fox

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cc: Parties of Record

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Rebecca W. Martin, an employee with the McNair Law Firm, P. A., have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing letter in the above-referenced matter to the persons named below by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below.

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